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IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-3, 6-17 and 38 and ADD new claims 39-47 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A memory device, comprising:
a nonvolatile memory connected to a first memory bus, and capable of storing data transmitted thereto through said first memory bus;
a volatile memory connected to a second memory bus, and capable of being random-accessed through said second memory bus; and
a controller having a first internal terminal connected to said first memory bus, a second internal terminal connected to said second memory bus, and an external terminal connected to an external bus, said controller for transferring data between said nonvolatile memory and said volatile memory through said first and second internal terminals, and enabling a pseudo-access as if said volatile memory were externally directly accessed in accordance with an instruction through an external bus when the data transfer is not performed and when the data transfer is not performed, said controller controls access from the exterior to said volatile memory through said external terminal and said second internal terminal, in accordance with an instruction transmitted through said external bus.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 439, wherein said controller includes a register capable of storing a source address, a destination address, and a size of data to be transferred.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 439, wherein said controller performs data transfer between said volatile memory and said nonvolatile memory in accordance with an external instruction without affecting said external bus.

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4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 3, wherein said controller notifies said external bus of an end of the data transfer by an interrupt.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 439, wherein said controller temporarily stops the data transfer by a suspend command in data transfer between said nonvolatile memory and said volatile memory, accesses said volatile memory in accordance with an external instruction, and then resume the data transfer by a resume command.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 439, wherein said nonvolatile memory, said volatile memory, and said controller are incorporated in a single package.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A The memory device according to claim 39, further comprising wherein:

~~a nonvolatile memory capable of storing data;~~
~~a volatile memory capable of being random accessed; and~~
~~said a controller capable of starting starts~~ writing a plurality of data units in said volatile memory or said nonvolatile memory before said plurality of data units have been completely read out from said nonvolatile memory or said volatile memory in said transferring data transfer between said nonvolatile memory and said volatile memory.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 7, wherein said controller ~~can start~~ starts writing a plurality of data units in said volatile memory before said plurality of data units have been completely read out from said nonvolatile memory in data transfer from said nonvolatile memory to said volatile memory.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 7, wherein said controller ~~can start~~ starts writing a plurality of data units in said nonvolatile memory before said plurality of data units have been completely read out from said volatile memory in data transfer from said volatile memory to said nonvolatile memory.

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10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 7, wherein said controller performs error detection and/or correction processing in said data transfer.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 10, wherein said controller reads out actual data and error detection and correction data from said nonvolatile memory, performs error detection and/or correction processing for said actual data on the basis of said error detection and correction data, and writes said actual data in said volatile memory, in data transfer from said nonvolatile memory to said volatile memory.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 10, wherein said controller reads out actual data from said volatile memory, generates error detection and correction data on the basis of said actual data, and writes said actual data and said error detection and correction data in said nonvolatile memory, in data transfer from said volatile memory to said nonvolatile memory.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 10, wherein said controller ~~includes~~ further comprises an error detection and correction register ~~for storing error detection and correction information.~~

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 13, wherein said error detection and correction register stores an address of data from which an error has been detected.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 7, wherein said controller ~~includes~~ further comprises a buffer ~~for buffering data and performs said data transfer through said buffer.~~

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 15, wherein said controller performs said data transfer in a time interval obtained by adding one transfer cycle to a time interval obtained by multiplying a transfer cycle by the number of transfer data.

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17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 16, wherein said controller reads out actual data and error detection and correction data from said nonvolatile memory, performs error detection for said actual data on the basis of said error detection and correction data, writes said actual data in said volatile memory, and performs error correction processing for said actual data on said volatile memory, in data transfer from said nonvolatile memory to said volatile memory.

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26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A memory device, comprising:
a nonvolatile memory including an actual data area for storing a plurality of actual data units and a spare data area for storing a plurality of spare data units;
a volatile memory including an actual data area for storing a plurality of actual data units and a spare data area for storing a plurality of spare data units; and
a controller for performing data transfer between said nonvolatile memory and said volatile memory.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 26, wherein each of said spare data units includes control information or management information.

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28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 26, wherein said plurality of actual data units and said plurality of spare data units are in a one-to-one correspondence.

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 26, wherein said actual data area and said spare data area in said volatile memory are provided as continuous address areas.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 29, wherein said actual data area and said spare data area in said nonvolatile memory are provided as discontinuous address areas.

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 28, wherein said controller decomposes actual and spare data units which have been correspondingly read out from said actual data area and said spare data area in said nonvolatile memory, and writes the decomposed actual and spare data units respectively in said actual data area and said spare data area in said volatile memory, in data transfer from said nonvolatile memory to said volatile memory.

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 28, wherein said controller includes a first write controller for linking actual and spare data units which have been correspondingly read out from said actual data area and said spare data area in said volatile memory, and writing the linked actual and spare data units respectively in said actual data area and said spare data area in said nonvolatile memory, in data transfer from said volatile memory to said nonvolatile memory.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 28, wherein said controller includes a spare data register for storing one or more spare data units, links an actual data unit in said actual data area in said volatile memory and a spare data unit in said spare data register, and writes the linked actual and spare data units respectively in said actual data area and said spare data area in said nonvolatile memory.

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34. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 33, wherein said spare data register is for storing one spare data unit.

35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 33, wherein said controller writes a plurality of spare data units in said nonvolatile memory using one spare data unit in said spare data register when said plurality of spare data units have the same contents.

36. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 32, wherein said controller ~~includes~~ further comprises a second write controller including a spare data register for storing one or more spare data units, said second write controller linking an actual data unit in said actual data area in said volatile memory and a spare data unit in said spare data register and writing the linked actual and spare data units respectively in said actual data area and said spare data area in said nonvolatile memory.

37. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 36, wherein said controller can select which of said first and second write controllers is used to write.

38. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory device according to claim 1, wherein:
said nonvolatile memory includes a plurality of terminals;
~~said controller includes a plurality of internal terminals connected to the plurality of~~
~~terminals of said nonvolatile memory, a plurality of external terminals which can be connected to~~
~~the outside, and an assign terminal for externally receiving an assign signal;~~
said controller has an
assign terminal for externally inputting an assign signal; and
when said assign signal is input to said assign terminal, said controller ~~assigns the~~
~~plurality of internal terminals for the plurality of external terminals;~~
performs assignment between
said first internal terminal and said external terminal.

39. (NEW) The memory device according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of memories have different operable input/output voltage level ranges.

40. (NEW) The memory device as recited in claim 39, further comprising:
a plurality of said non-volatile and said volatile memories having respective, different electrical specifications, connected respectively to said first and second memory buses and

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capable of being random-accessed therethrough; and

said controller transferring data between said non-volatile and said volatile memories through said first and second internal terminals and, when the data transfer is not performed, said controller controls access from the exterior to said volatile memory through said external terminal and said second internal terminal, in accordance with an instruction transmitted through said external bus.

41. (NEW) The memory device according to claim 40, wherein said plurality of non-volatile and volatile memories have different operable input/output voltage level ranges.

42. (NEW) The memory device according to claim 41, wherein said controller accesses said plurality of memories using an overlap range of the operable input/output voltage levels of said plurality of memories.

43. (NEW) The memory device according to claim 42, wherein said controller comprises a power supply terminal for inputting a power supply voltage at an input/output voltage level within said overlap range and controls an input/output voltage levels of said plurality of memories on the basis of a voltage of said power supply terminal.

44. (NEW) The memory device according to claim 40, wherein said controller accesses said plurality of memories using different input/output voltage levels which do not overlap.

45. (NEW) The memory device according to claim 44, wherein said controller comprises two power supply terminals for inputting power supply voltages at different input/output voltage levels which do not overlap and controls input/output voltage levels of said plurality of memories on the basis of voltages of said two power supply terminals.

46. (NEW) The memory device according to claim 44, wherein operable input/output voltage level ranges of said plurality of memories do not overlap.

47. (NEW) The memory device according to claim 40, wherein said plurality of memories includes a nonvolatile memory and a volatile memory.